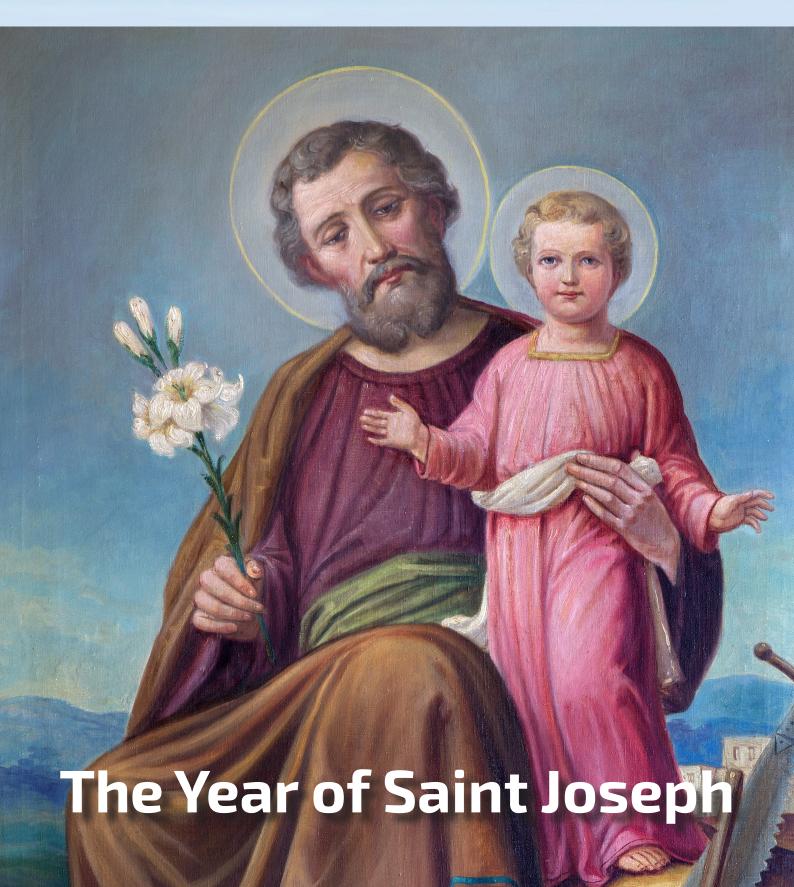
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#### THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Holy Father Francis announced the year 2021 as a Year of Saint Joseph. 150 years ago, on December 8, 1870, Blessed Pius IX named St. Joseph as the Patron of the Catholic Church. During the proclamation Holy Father Francis shared some personal reflections on this extraordinary Man, who very well understands our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks". His desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how "our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all. Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can

play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.

1. A beloved father - the greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, at the service of the entire plan of salvation. Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home. Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. 2. A tender and loving father -Joseph saw Jesus grow daily in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor. As the Lord had done with Israel, so Joseph did with Jesus: he taught him to walk, taking him by the hand; he was for him like a father who raises an infant to his cheeks, bending down to him and feeding him. In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God: "As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him". 3. An obedient father - as he had done with Mary, God revealed his saving plan to Joseph. He did so by using dreams, which in the Bible and among all ancient peoples, were considered a way for him to make his will known. Joseph was deeply troubled by Mary's mysterious pregnancy. He did not want to expose her to public disgrace,

so he decided to "dismiss her quietly". In the dream, an angel helps him resolve his grave dilemma: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. Joseph's response was immediate: "When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him". Obedience made it possible for him to surmount his difficulties and spare Mary.

4. An accepting father - Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel's words. The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary's good name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgment.

5. A creatively courageous **father** - as we read the infancy narratives, we may often wonder why God did not act in a more direct and clear way. Yet God acts through events and people. Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true "miracle" by which God saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Joseph's creative courage. Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world. Faced with imminent danger from Herod, who wanted to kill the child, Joseph was warned



once again in a dream to protect the child and rose in the middle of the night to prepare the flight into Egypt.

**6. A working father** - an aspect of Saint Joseph that has been emphasized from the time of the first social Encyclical, Pope Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum, is his relation to work. Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labor. Working persons, whatever their job may be, are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us.

**7. A father in the shadows** - being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not

holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a "most chaste" father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one's life. Only when love is chaste, is it truly love.

Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in selfgift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust. Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs. It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction. Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice.

In every exercise of our fatherhood, we should always keep in mind that it has nothing to do with possession but is rather a "sign" pointing to a greater fatherhood. In a way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father, who makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. And a shadow that follows his Son.

# XX PAPAL DAY IN MUNICH

The motto of this year's Papal Day, which was lived in communion with the Church in Poland and Pope Francis, was the call: "Totus Tuus". A special holy Mass celebrated on the Papal Sunday on October 11, 2020 was the central point of the entire day. The holy Mass was celebrated by the pastors of the Polish Catholic Parish in the church of St. Joseph. Due to the pandemic situation, in the Eucharist, mainly members of the Munich Chapter of the John Paul II Foundation participated in the Mass, as well as representatives of students, parents and the pedagogical group of the John Paul II School. During the Mass gifts made on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Polish Pope were presented in the procession. The Munich Chapter of the John Paul II Foundation donated a reliquary brought from Poland. The reliquary reflects the Papal cross and flames symbolizing love. Representatives of the school community donated a cross made by their parents from the gifts of nature collected in Poland: seams, sand, amber, dried flowers, grains and stalks of wheat. All parishioners were

able to participate in financial support of the John Paul II Foundation during the donation collection organized that day after each Polish-language Mass. The donors received Rosaries imported from the Holy Land.

Beata T. Paniak





## "ALL SOULS" DAY AT THE POLISH HOUSE



As every year, on November 2, on the All Souls Day the Holy Mass was celebrated in the Chapel of the Polish House on Via Cassia for the souls of all faithful departed Friends and Benefactors of the John Paul II Foundation. Holy Mass was presided by Msgr. Mieczysław Niepsuj, Fr. Łukasz Kotarba and Fr. Andrzej Dobrzyński, while the homily was delivered by the Administrator of the Foundation, Fr. Krzysztof Wieliczko. He said: "The Holy Father John Paul II wrote in the" Roman Triptych "So many generations passed. They came into the world naked, and they returned naked to the earth from which they were taken". The Pope added: "Please stop, this passing makes sense, it makes sense ... it makes sense!"

This sense is most clearly shown in the first days of November, when we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls' Day. .... The first days of November

also help us regain the proper hierarchy of values and put everything in proper perspective. Because focusing on what is eternal, shows what really makes sense in life and what is important. It is clear then that death simply belongs to life and is part of it.

These days teach us to pray for those who have passed away. We believe this prayer has two-ways. The faithful departed can also pray for the living. Dante Alighieri put it in an interesting way in the 11th song of the "Divine Comedy" entitled "Cleansing the mountains": the souls in Purgatory stretch their hands to God and say: "Our Father", praying for those who remained on earth. They cannot help themselves; the time had passed for them to choose between good and evil, but they pray for the living on this earth. We, on the other hand, can help them with our prayer, Holy Masses and communion.

John Paul II on the beginning of his pontificate, in his homily at the funeral Mass of Cardinal Francis Seper, prefect of the Congregation of Faith, said: "Death, which the believer experience opens the way to the heavenly Father." And he recalled the famous words of St. Francis of Assisi: "Be praised, my Lord, for death, a sister of our body."

Fr. Jan Twardowski once said that he believed that in that world, after crossing the "other shore", the Lord Jesus come for a man. And then the loved ones come who loved us here on earth. And you should not be afraid at that moment. The Creator planned the world in such a way that he inscribed death in its sense, that is, the beginning of a new life. If there were no death, human life would be without sense."





# HOLY MASS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE JOHN PAUL II FOUNDATION

On Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. in the chapel of our Polish Home at via Cassia 1200, a Mass was celebrated for the living and deceased Members and Benefactors of the John Paul II Foundation. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Krzysztof Wieliczko, Administrator of the John Paul Foundation, who also delivered the homily along with the Director of the Polish Home Fr. Łukasz Kotarba and Fr. Adrian Mętner a student temporarily residing in our home.

We would like to celebrate a holy Mass on every 22nd day of the month at the chapel of the Polish Home. During these holy Masses will give thanks to God for the gift of St. John Paul II and they will be an expression of our bond and concern for the Members and Friends of our Foundation.

Homily: The Celebration of Christ the King of the Universe

"The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is near" - this is one of the first sentences which Christ said when He began His public activity. And, when His divine mission came to an end, when asked by Pilate if he was a king, he replied: "Yes, I am a king." Jesus himself, however, emphasized that His kingdom "does not belong to this world" (J 18:36). This does not mean that the world does not belong to God that it is outside His kingdom. Contrary! The point is that Christ exercises his royal authority in a completely different way from earthly kings. Therefore, he faces accusations completely defenseless. He is sentenced to death on a cross.

The soldiers who crucified him mocked His royalty: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself." Jesus did not come down spectacularly from the cross, but His royalty was revealed shortly afterwards in the event of resurrection abut which we read in today's Second Reading. The Risen Jesus reigns defeats all enemies, and "death will be defeated as the last enemy" writes The Apostle Paul. Therefore, we can profess in the Creed that "His kingdom will have no end." All the kingdoms, powerful countries, the powers of this world will end one dat. Only the kingdom of Jesus Christ will last forever.

John Paul II, in his teaching on the kingdom of God, said: "It is the kingdom that is not of this world that Jesus pointed out to us when he taught us to pray: "Come thy kingdom". Obedient to His commandment, the Apostles, disciples, and missionaries of all times sought with all their might to expand the boundaries of this kingdom through evangelization. For it is both a gift of the Father and the result of man's personal response.

What is my answer? In the "new creation" we will be able to enter into the Father's kingdom provided that we followed Christ during our earthly pilgrimage. Then, this is the program of every Christian: to follow Christ—the Way, the Truth, and the Life-to possess the kingdom that He has promised and given us. As we pray for your kingdom to come, we see that the promise is already fulfilled: following in God's footsteps we reach the kingdom, attracted by You, who have been exalted on the cross, exalted above history and in the middle of history, the One who is Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. the Lord of time and eternity!





# **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE STUDYING ON-LINE**

The second month of the new academic year is slowly coming to an end for the scholarship recipients of the John Paul II Foundation in Lublin. Currently, due to the epidemic situation, almost all classes are held on-line. Unfortunately, the introduced restrictions do not allow for normal activities within the scholarship program: holy Masses, catechesis, integration meetings, retreats, pilgrimages.

Whenever possible, we maintain mutual contact via the media (Facebook, video chat, e-mail). Expressing our gratitude to the management of the John Paul II Foundation in the Vatican and in Poland, as well as benefactors from all over the world for their good heart and spiritual and material support, we are sending warm greetings! We attach photos of the scholarship recipients from on-line classes and from personal resources. Fr. Robert Ptak



## GIFTS OF KIND HEARTS

For many years, in the pre--Christmas period, a Christmas wafer meeting was organized in the John Paul II Foundation Home in Lublin. It was attended by bishops, priests, rectors of the Catholic University of Lublin, members of the John Paul II Foundation Warsaw Chapter. together with the President, Bednarkiewicz, invited guests, stipend recipients and residents of the home. The meeting always started by a solemn Mass, after which wishes were made and Christmas wafer was shared. Our Friends from Warsaw brought cakes and other dishes for refreshments, which were tasted at the end of the meeting. There were also traditional Christmas presents. The President and the members of the Warsaw Chapter brought for each stipend recipient a package

containing clothing, school supplies and sweets. Stipend recipients were taking them to their family homes when they went there for Christmas. Over there, they passed the gifts to those in need. The children welcomed them with great joy and gratitude.

This year, due to the coronavirus epidemic, it was not possible to organize a Christmas wafer meeting in the traditional form. There was also no opportunity to hand over the package to the stipend recipients. However, there the gifts were still presented. This was possible thanks to the President and the members of the Warsaw Chapter. This year, the stipend recipients received a wonderful collection of reflections by Father John Paul II on the Battle of Monte Cassino, entitled "The Challenge for Poland and Europe". The book was

published by the Center for Documentation and Research of the Pontificate of John Paul II in Rome.

We had the opportunity to bring these books from Warsaw to Lublin and personally thank the President for this another gift of heart, which is a sign of a great kindness and concern of our Benefactors for the stipend recipients. We would like to thank you very much for this on behalf of stipend recipients and ours. We promise a prayer to the Child Jesus through the intercession of St. John Paul II, so that the Son of God may bless every moment of Your life and Our Lady may lead You on the path to heaven.

> Fr. Jan Strzałka Fr. Robert Ptak



# **EPIPHANY AT THE FOUNDATION'S HOME**

On January 6th, the Catholic Church celebrates the Epiphany. Beside Easter it is the oldest Christian feast. In Poland it is also known as the feast of Three Kings. The following events are the symbols of this feast: prostration given to Jesus by the Wise Men of the East, the baptism of Christ in Jordan, and the miracle of transforming water into wine in Cana of Galilee. The Gospel does not refer to the men who came from the East as kings, but as the Wise Men, and does not give their exact number. One can only guess that there were three of them, since they brought three gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. The names Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar were given to the Wise Men only in the 9th century. Legend has it that after returning to their countries, the kings abdicated their thrones in order to proclaim faith in Christ, and living up to the 'old' age, after the Ascension of the Lord, Thomas the Apostle gave them the sacraments of the saints and even the episcopal consecration.

The gifts brought by the Wise Men to the little Jesus have the following meanings: gold indicates that Jesus Christ is the King of the whole world, incense speaks of Christ the Priest, and myrrh, the balm, which is used for deceased, indicates the human nature of Jesus and consequently announces His death.

Incense and chalk are blessed during the Epiphany's celebrations. After returning from the church, the holy chalk is used to write on the door the initials of the names of the three Wise Men, separating them with crosses (K+M+B) together with the numbers of the current year. You can

also write C+M+B (Christus mansionem benedicat), which means "May Christ bless this house." The letters on the door indicate that the Christian family lives in this house.

The name Epiphany -"Revelation of the Lord" explains the meaning of this celebration. Jesus Christ reveals Himself to the world, that is, he came to earth not only for the God's chosen nation, but for all those who have ever lived and will live. This is also included in the liturgical texts read that day during the Liturgy of the Word.

As you can see, this feast celebrated at the beginning of the calendar year is full of hope. It not only outlines the universality of salvation, but it also opens the minds of believers to an eschatological perspective and seeks to please the poverty-atoned hearts with the vision of the Kingdom of Heaven, where the King and the only Light is Jesus Christ.

On this day, a solemn Mass was celebrated in the Foundation's chapel. The holy Mass was ce-

lebrated by Father Robert Ptak along with Father Jan Strzałka and priests who are also stipend recipients from Indonesia. Father Robert Ptak delivered the homily in which he pointed out the many ways in which Jesus Christ appeared to man. At the end of the Eucharist, chalk, incense and water were blessed, and then Father Jan Strzałka, director of the House, went to the apartments of priests and stipend recipients to bless them with holy water.

May God, who called us from darkness to His give us His blessing and confirm our hearts in faith, hope, and love.

Today Christ appeared to the world as a light shining in darkness; let us follow Him with confidence to become a light for our sisters and brothers.

The wise men followed the star and joyfully found Christ, may God lead us through life so after completing the earthly pilgrimage we will see our Lord, who is the Light.

Fr. Jan Strzałka





# THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE GIFT OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

On January 22, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel of the Polish Home at via Cassia another holy Mass was celebrated in the intention of members, benefactors, the John Paul II Foundation stipend recipients and all those who, with their prayers and work, serve the legacy of St. John Paul II in the world. We asked God, through the inter-

cession of St. John Paul II, for needed graces and God's blessings for the living ones and for the dead- the joy of eternal life at our Father's House.

The Mass was celebrated by the Director of the Polish Home Fr. Łukasz Kotarba, while the homily was delivered by Fr. Krzysztof Wieliczko. This was another holy Mass from the series of Masses celebrated every 22nd day of the month in the chapel of the Polish Home, as a thanksgiving to God for the gift of St. John Paul II and an expression of our bond and concern for the Members and Friends of our Foundation.

# THE END OF SESSION

During the coronavirus epidemic, the activities of most universities moved to the Internet. The Catholic University of Lublin also decided to conduct online teaching. Also, the final exams for the fall semester were conducted on-line from January 28 to February 10, 2021.

The stipend recipients of the John Paul II Foundation also took the exams. We are pleased to note that all stipend recipients successfully passed the exams receiving very good grades within the required average.

We wholeheartedly congra-

tulate them on their grades and wish them continued successes, not only on the intellectual dimension, but also in their systematic work on themselves, on deepening their faith, and shaping their own personality.

Fr. Jan and Fr. Robert



# THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE JOHN PAUL II FOUNDATION

On February 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., the annual meeting of the Administrative Board of the John Paul II Foundation was held in the form of a videocon-

ference. Before the meeting the Holy Mass was said at the altar of St. John Paul II in the Basilica of St. Peter.

Despite the fact that 2020 was

marked by the corona virus and the related difficulties around the world, the Foundation managed to fully implement its statutory objectives.



# BEHOLD, WE ARE GOING UP TO JERUSALEM



Ash Wednesday with the rite of sprinkling heads with ashes began in the Catholic Church a 40-day period of Lent, which will last until the Mass of the Lord's Supper, celebrated on Holy Thursday. Lent is intended to prepare the faithful for the profound experience of the greatest mystery of faith, namely the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. This period places great emphasis on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. During this time, prayer takes various specific forms, such as the Stations of the Cross, Bitter Sorrows and Retreats. Fasting is intended to transfer the attention of man from material to spiritual matters. Almsgiving, on the other hand, reminds us of the need to care for another person and the need to share our possessions.

This year's Lent, due to the ongoing coronavirus epidemic will be experienced in special conditions, just like a year ago. The faithful will not have such a wide opportunity to participate in the services of the Stations of the Cross or Bitter Sorrows. This will also apply to the Foundation's stipend recipients, who were usually very willing to take part in these services in the chapel of

our Home. However, these obstacles must not restrain anyone from their spiritual preparation for Easter. The Son of God, regardless of external circumstances, also this year realizes His Father's will through the mystery of Death and Resurrection. It is up to ourselves whether and to what extent we will benefit from these saving mysteries of Jesus Christ.

We cordially; therefore, invite you to live the Lent period in individually and spiritually. We ask for intense prayers, an individual Stations of the Cross, the sacrament of penance and, if possible, participation in Sunday Masses and occasional services. Let there also be concrete sacri-

fices and alms giving, made out of love for the suffering Jesus and others.

Pope Francis' message for this year's Lent was presented at the Vatican. It is titled: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem... (Mt 20:18)". In it, the Holy Father invites us to renew our faith, to take the living water of hope, and to receive God's love with an open heart.

"Dear Brothers and Sisters-writes the Pope – every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Savior, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter."

Fr. Jan Strzałka Fr. Robert Ptak





## SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS

This year, the liturgical celebration of Saints Cyril and Methodius, patrons of the Chapel of the John Paul II Foundation Home in Lublin, took place on Sunday, February 14th. The solemn Mass was celebrated by Fr. Jan Strzałka, Director of the Home along with Fr. Robert Ptak, Vice-director and priests from Indonesia who are also our stipend recipients.

In his homily, Father John referred to the biographies and missions of St. Patrons, who became the first apostles of the Slavs. With a view of evangelization, the two Holy Brothers undertook the difficult work to translate the Scripture, which they knew in Greek, into the language of the Slavic peoples. In 1980, St. John Paul II proclaimed them co-patrons of Europe (r.), alongside St. Benedict, and on the 1,100th anniver-

sary of their evangelization work, the Encyclical Letter Slavorum Apostoli was published (1985). Due to the existing epidemic, only stipend recipients who live in the home participated in the holy Mass. Together we prayed thro-

ugh the intercession of St. Cyril and Methodius, for the necessary graces for the Foundation and our Home, and for our stipend recipients, alumni and benefactors.

Fr. Robert Ptak



# THE BELGIAN CHAPTER OF THE JP II FOUNDATION

"Whoever invests in people, in their integral development, is never a loser! The fruits of this investment will not wither" John Paul II

ACTIVITY REPORT AND PROJECTS 2020/2021

At the beginning of January 2021, the team of the Belgian Chapter of the John Paul II Foundation sent 2,000 letters throughout Belgium. In the letter we informed as many people as possible about the resumption of the Belgian section of the Foundation, explaining that Pope John Paul II established the Foundation himself in 1981. We informed about the Foundation's objectives and its activities inviting them to become members and support these objectives through contri-

butions. The Foundation, in turn, is praying for all members at the tomb of St. John Paul II and informing them about all projects and events it will organize in the future.

We wrote this letter to ask for financial support, but above all to promote the Foundation in Belgium. The chapter has indeed been "dormant" for several years. When we took over the leadership, many projects quickly arose, which unfortunately had to be halted due to pandemic restrictions. Despite all the limitations, we try by all means to keep our Chapter alive. So far, more than fifty people have responded positively to our letter. Although the number of responses does not seem too high, we are pleased that the very existence of this Foundation, its spiritual, cultural and social character is known in Belgium.

The Foundation Chapter in Belgium has also started to issue a collection of brochures presenting in a clear and accessible way the thoughts and teachings of John Paul II. The idea is to allow everyone, especially young people, to understand the meaning and topicality of John Paul Il's message. Fourteen experts on this great Pope teaching have already agreed to participate in this project. Two brochures were issued in September 2020 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Paul II. The brochures were published thanks to the collaboration with



Éditions MAME publishing house in Paris. One was written by Cardinal Robert Sarah "JOHN PAUL II, VISIONARY AND PROPHET OF MODERN TIMES" and the other by Cardinal Philippe Barbarin "JOHN PAUL II, PETER AT THE TURN OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM".

Two new brochures will be published in May 2021. The first was written by Archbishop André Léonard, emeritus Archbishop of the Catholic Church in Belgium "JOHN PAUL II, DEFENDER OF TRUTH" referring to the encycli-

cal letter Veritatis Splendor, and the second by Samuel Goblet, professor of religious and liturgical matters "JOHN PAUL II, POPE OF THE JEWS".

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Paul II, we planned a solemn event "Feast of Families around John Paul II". The event was to take place on June 28, 2020 in the church, cloisters and gardens of the Abbey de la Cambre. Given the circumstances, we had to postpone this beautiful event. But, we hope

that in September of this year we will be able to implement it.

There is another project the "Congress-Mission 2021" organized by young people which is planned for October of this year. The Belgian Chapter was asked to support this project. (https://www.congresmission.com/map/206)

Brussels, March 12, 2021

Elizabeth Drucka Lubecka de Séjournet, president of the Belgium Chapter

# FATHER KRZYSZTOF WIELICZKO'S VISIT IN MUNICH

We were very pleased to receive the news of Father Wieliczko's arrival in our parish. The current situation does not allow to organize regular meetings of our Foundation Chapter or to conduct our religious book selling events. We see each other only occasionally during Mass and services. Father Krzysztof came to Munich to unite us.

On Saturday, March 13, 2021 members of the John Paul II Foundation Munich Chapter gathered in the parish chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Częstochowa for the Eucharist celebrated by the guest, Fr. Wieliczko and the Chaplain of our Chapter Fr. Stanisław Pławecki. In his homily, Father Christopher emphasized that the Foundation's friends scattered around the world cannot meet and make pilgrimages to Rome at present but are united by prayer. The power of prayer is great. It allows you to survive difficult times and has the power to renew every man. Although the activities of the Foundation's Chapters may seem

to be dormant, but they are not in a spiritual sense.

After the Mass our guest met with the Chapter board. The meeting had mainly a prayer and informational nature. On Sunday, Father Wieliczko delivered homilies at several Masses to bear witness to St. John Paul II and his great pontificate throughout the Polish pa-

rish community. Dear Father Krzysztof, we offer our heartfelt thank you for your effort and visit. May God bless you. Fr. Krzysztof infected us with his optimism and lifted our spirits.

Beata Tomczyk-Paniak, Secretary of the John Paul II Foundation Munich Chapter





#### **WE CONTINUE TO PRAY**

The last year with the COVID-19 pandemic touched us all, our families, our friends. Many of our loved ones have had a disease caused by Corona virus infection. Many unfortunately had to say goodbye to their loved ones, who failed to win the fight against the disease. We had to stay in our homes because of the pandemic and the associated lockdown.

April 2020 was the first month of the complete isolation. All churches in the U.S. were closed at the time. On the Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord. everyone sat at home with their closest household members or often alone. There was a lot of sadness, uncertainty and human fear of what another day would bring. And then a "good fruit" was born. We began to focus more on prayer, which led to the creation of a small prayer group made up of ladies belonging to our Chapter and living in Los Angeles, Ventura and Orange County. We cannot meet every day in person for a joint prayer but fortunately there is ZOOM. In addition to praying together, our meetings also give us the opportunity to share our sorrows and joys. We can support each other and strengthen each other with a join prayer.

We have a lot of prayer intentions and over time more and more of them arrive with bigger problems. And so, we pray e.g. for the cessation of the CO-VID-19 pandemic and for the recovery of all the sick and for the return to normal life, for the

Holy Father Pope Francis, for our Catholic Church, for those who are persecuted for their faith, so that they may have the strength to persevere in it and for those who have departed from the faith, so that they may have the strength to return to it. We pray for our homelands, for our dead. Among our prayer intentions there are two Polish Parishes in South California: in Yorba Linda and in Los Angeles. Through the intercession of St. John Mary Vianney (the heavenly patron saint of pastors and spiritual leaders) we pray in the intention of all priests: for care, health and strength to perform an uneasy priestly ministry. We pray for our Pastors Fr. Mirek Frankowski from Los Angeles, Fr. Zbyszek Frąszczak from Yorba Linda and for our Fr. Krzysztof Wieliczko.

There are so many people today who are affected by depression, mental and nervous illness. By praying the Litany to St. Dymphna, we ask the patron saint of mental illness and anxiety, so all ill can experience Her intercession with the Lord God and experience the miracle of healing.

For all sick who have cancer, we are praying to St. Peregrine's for Her intercession and healing for all who suffer from cancer and other incurable cases.

There are many beautiful Litanies to Holy Patrons in Heaven, and we are looking for new ones for every month. We need all Saint Patrons and their intercessions, but mostly we are

imploring to St. John Paul II. We were praying the litany to St. John Paul II throughout all last year, as it was the year when we were celebrating the 100th anniversary of his birth. April 2nd, we will be celebrating another anniversary of our Pope's death; hence we will again pray the Litany to John Paul II as well as the Litany to St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. As Pope Francis declared the year 2021 as the year of St. Joseph, the guardian of families and of the entire Holy Church, the Litany to St. Joseph will accompany us throughout the year. We also do not forgetting about the Rosary, the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel and to pray for all deceased.

Every day we look forward to the evening time to meet and pray together. It gives us a lot of strength, brings hope and unites and connects us.

Bogusława Doerr, president of the JPII Foundation in LA





# CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN PAUL II IN WASHINGTON

"With the command to evangelize, which the risen Lord left to his church, there goes the certitude on his promise that he continues to live and work among us: "I am with you always, to the close of the age" -Saint John Paul II

Greetings Members and Friends.

The Friends of John Paul II Foundation - Metropolitan Washington D.C. Chapter is proud to continue in celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of St. John Paul II.

We are grateful for his extraordinary gift of faith that contributes to the Foundation, which bears his name and is beloved by millions of people around the world. In celebration of his 100th Birthday this year our chapter had a Commemorative Flag flown over the US Capital in Washington DC. We also have a plan this year to have a bronze bust of Pope John Paul II placed in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception within the altar of our Lady of Czestochowa.

The Friends of John Paul Foundation - Metropolitan Washington, DC Chapter is affiliated with John Paul II Foundation in Rome, Italy. It was established by papal decree as a religious, educational, charitable and non-profit organization. As we continue to celebrate his Centennial Birthday, our chapter will hold special events at the Army Navy Club and a Gala, "Wadowice on the Potomac", in his honor. Stay tuned, the times and dates of our events will be announced accordingly.

Thank you all for your generous donations of time and resources in promoting the legacy of Saint John Paul II. We look forward to seeing all of you at our future events.

Marianna Eckel, President of Friends of JPII Foundation of Washington DC Chapter

# PEREGRINATION OF THE ST. JPII TRIPTYCH COMES TO OHIO

Accompanied by its two first class relics of St. John Paul II and St. Faustyna Kowalska, the Foundation's Centennial Triptych arrived in Cleveland, Ohio from Michigan to the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus where our Pastor, Father Eric Orzech, serves as a member of the Foundation's Administrative Board. The Shrine Church is privileged to be the first parish in our state to welcome the triptych.

A spiritual recollection program will begin on Divine Mercy Sunday continuing through to the Third Sunday of Easter during which prayers, Masses, devotions, and reflections will be offered on the theme of St. John Paul II's teachings and two

important devotional aspects of his life and pontificate which are represented in the Triptych: Our Blessed Mother, Mary, pic-



tured as Our Lady of Czestochowa, and the Divine Mercy and St. Faustyna. From St. Stanislaus, the Triptych will journey to Historic St. Casimir Church, where Fr. Eric is also Pastor, for a similar program of spiritual activities. Every parish in the Diocese of Cleveland as well as religious institutions will be invited to host the Triptych as the peregrination continues. Once its travels in the Diocese of Cleveland are completed, the Triptych will then journey to the Diocese of Youngstown and others in the State of Ohio before moving on to its next destination.

Fr. Eric Orzech



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